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SUBJECT; MBFR: DATA ON GDR AND POLISH FORCES

REFS: A. USNATO 5381, P. USNATO 5382, C. STATE 2195L0,

D. STATE 214077, E. STATE 211555, F. STATE 211209

FOR USDEL MBFR VIENNA

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR USE  
IN THE 13 NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP DIS-  
CUSSION OF WARSAW PACT DATA.

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2. (S) PRIOR TO SEPT. 1973 BOTH THE US AND NATO ESTIMATED  
THAT THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 90,000 GDR GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL.  
IN SEPTEMBER THE US INCREASED ITS ESTIMATE OF THE GDR GROUND  
FORCE PERSONNEL STRENGTH TO 100,000 AS A RESULT OF AN IN-

TENSIVE REANALYSIS OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES IN THE NGA UNDERTAKEN TO INSURE THAT THE DATA BASE FOR MBFR PLANNING AND NEGOTIATION WOULD BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.

3. (S) SINCE THE TOE/OB CONFERENCE DID NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS MUCH LESS AGREE UPON ESTIMATES FOR PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES WE MUST TURN TO MC 161/73 FOR ANY MUTUALLY AGREED UPON PERSONNEL FIGURES TO

USE AS BASELINES TO EXPLAIN OUR RECENT INCREASES IN GDR

AND POLISH GROUND FORCE STRENGTHS. A MUTUALLY AGREED MC 162/73 FIGURE FOR THE GDR (90,000) EXISTS BUT NONE EXISTS FOR POLAND AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED IN PARA 8, REF D.

4. (S) THE INCREASE IN THE GDR GROUND PERSONNEL STRENGTH IS A RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING;

(A) AN INCREASE OF 2,000 REAR SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS SMALL UNIT PERSONNEL WITHIN BOTH THE III AND V MILITARY DISTRICTS FOR A TOTAL INCREASE OF 4,000.

(B) AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 3,000 REAR SERVICES AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LEVEL AS WELL AS 1,000 INCREASE IN MISCELLANEOUS SMALL UNIT PERSONNEL ALSO AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LEVEL FOR A TOTAL OF 4,000 AT THE MOD LEVEL.

(C) FYI. REAR SERVICES IS DEFINED AS SERVICE TYPE UNITS AS OPPOSED TO COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT TYPE UNITS AND CONSISTS OF HOSPITALS, AMMUNITION, AND SUPPLY DEPOTS, MAINTENANCE SHOPS, ETC. SMALL UNITS OF THE MD OR MOD LEVEL INCLUDE BANDS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ETC. END FYI.

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(D) AN INCREASE OF 860 WITH THE RECENT IDENTIFICATION OF FIVE UNITS: GROUND FORCE HEADQUARTERS PLUS 100; 2ND MISSILE TRANSPORT BATTALION PLUS 210; THE 5TH PRTB (SCUD MOBILE REPAIR UNIT) 250; AND TWO RADAR COMPANIES AT 150 EACH 300; FOR A TOTAL OF 860 PERSONNEL.

(E) AS A RESULT OF MAIN UNIT STRENGTH ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING A SLIGHT INCREASE IN DIVISIONAL STRENGTH IN BOTH TANK AND MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISIONS, A TOTAL 150 MAN INCREASE WAS MADE.

(F) THE RESULTING TOTAL OF 9,010 WHEN ADDED TO THE PREVIOUS FIGURE OF 90,000 RESULTS IN AN OVERALL GROUND PERSONNEL STRENGTH FIGURE OF 99,010 (ROUNDED TO 100,000) FOR THE GDR.

5. (S) FOR SOME TIME NATO AND THE US HAVE HAD A 10,000 DIFFERENCE IN ITS HOLDINGS OF POLISH GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL. AS A RESULT WE DO NOT HAVE A JOINTLY AGREED UPON BASE FIGURE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO NATO FROM WHICH TO EXPLAIN OUR RECENT 10,000 MAN INCREASE. THEREFORE WE ARE INCLUDING THE COMPLETE BREAKOUT OF OUR POLISH GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL FOR USE AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY. THIS BREAKOUT IS RELEASABLE TO NATO.

## POLISH GROUND FORCES

## CURRENT WARTIME

TYPE	MILITARY UNIT	LOCATION	MANNING	MANNING
CC	MND STAFF		7200	7200
CC	PROV STAFFS		11500	11500
O	SCHOOLS, ETC.		29000	29000
O	ADC		19000	19000
			66700	66700
PPA				
CC	PPA HQS	WARSAW	2300	2800
CS	5 SIG BDE	WARSAW	1400	1700
CS	9 ENGR REGT	PLOCK	550	1100
CS	15 SIG REGT	SIERADZ	650	800
CSS	10 MT REGT	WARSAW	1000	1200
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CS	RCN BN	DZIWNOW	340	400
CS	23 ARTY BN	BIELSKO-BIALA	400	550
CS	ASXG BN	DZIWNOW	380	500
CS	16 RDF BN	DZIWNOW	500	700
CS	8 ECM UNIT	GIZYOKO	220	280
CSS	1 RYBDEVSVC	PRZEMYSL	5000	6300
CSS	ENGR RGT R-SVC	NISKO	550	110U
CSS	ENGR RGT R-SVC	ELK	550	1100
CSS	ENGR RGT R-SVC	NOWY DWOR	550	1100
CS	SCUD BDE	BIEDRUSKO	800	1000
CSS	PRTB	BIEDRUSKO	800	1000
C	6 ABN DIV	KRAKOW	3300	3900
C	7 ASLD DIV	GDANSK	3700	4100
			22990	29630

## POMD

CC	POMD HQS	BYDGOSZCZ	5U0	700
CS	6 ARTY BDE	GRUDZIADZ	1200	1500
CS	5 ENGR BDE	PODJUCHY	900	1500
CS	91 AT REGT	GNIEZNU	420	480
CS	3 PTNB REGT	WLOCLAWEK	280	550
CS	PTNB REGT	CHEMMO	550	700
CS	4 SIG REGT	BYDGOSZCZ	650	800
CSS	3 MT REGT	CHELMO	1000	1200
CSS	CNSTBN RSVC	PILA	250	30

CSS	22MTBN RSVC	BYDGOSZCZ	200	250
CS	64 CHEM BN	GRUDZIADZ	700	700
CSS	MISC RSVC		4000	5500
CS	SCUD BDE	CHOSZCZNO	850	1000
CSS	PRTB	CHOSZCZNO	800	1000
C	8 MECH DIV	KOSZALIN	8800	10200
C	12 MECH DIV	SZCZECIN	8800	10200
C	16 TANK DIV	ELBLAG	6600	7800
C	20 TANK DIV	SZOZECINEK	6600	7800
			43100	52180

## SLMD

CC	SLMD HQS	WROCLAW	500	700
CS	31 ARTY BDE	GLOGOW	1200	150
CS	31 ARTY BDE	GLOGOW	1200	1500
CS	1 PTNB BDE	BRZEG	420	550
CS	156 AT REGT	PLESZEW	420	850
CS	4 PTNB REGT	GORZOW WIELKUP	900	1500

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CS	PTNB REGT	GLOGOW	450	550
CS	1U SIG REGT	WROCLAW	650	800
CSS	9 MTREGTRSVC	OSTROW WIELKUP	1000	1300
CS	26 MT BN	WROCLAW	1000	1200
CS	5 CHEM BN	ZGORZELEC	39U	550

CSS	4 MNIT UNIT	WROCLAW	210	270
	RSVC			

CSS	RSVC		5000	6000
CS	2 SCUD BDE	BOLESRAWIEC	850	1000
CSS	PRTB	GLOGOW	800	1000
C	2 MECH DIV	NYSA	7200	10200
C	4 MECH DIV	KROSNO-ORDZANS	8800	10200
C	5 TANK DI	GUDIN	6600	7800
C	1U TANK DIV	OPOLE	6600	7800
C	11 TANK DIV	ZAGAN	6600	7800
			49590	61570

## WAMD

CS	WAMD HQS	WARSAW	500	700
CS	ARTY BDE	WEGORZEWO	750	1500
CS	101 AT REGT	KWIDZYN	30U	900
C	2 ENGR REGT	KAZUN/NOWY DWOR	340	1100
CS	7 PTNB REGT	DEBLIN	280	550
CS	9 SIG REGT	ZEGRZE	400	8-00
CSS	12 MT BN	WARSAW	600	1200
CS	2 CHEM BN	BISKUPIEC	250	550
CSS	RSVC		4000	6000
CS	32 SCUD BDE	ORZYSZ	850	1000
CSS	PRTB	ORZYSZ	800	1000
C	1 MECH DIV	LEGIONOWO	6000	10200
C	3 MECH DIV	LUBLIN	4000	10200
C	9 MECH DIV	RZESZOW	4000	10200
C	15 MECH DIV	OLSZTYN	6U00	10200

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COMMAND AND CONTROL	22,500
COMBAT	93,600
COMBAT SUPPORT	20,240
COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT	27,110
OTHER	48,000

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TOTAL	211,450
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NOTE:

TYPE: CC COMMAND AND CONTROL  
C COMBAT  
CS COMMAND SUPPORT  
CSS COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT  
O MISCELLANEOUS

6. (S) IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE (REF A, PARA 3) IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT THE PEACETIME PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF THE POLISH GROUND FORCES WERE DISCUSSED BY THE CANUKUS DELEGATES TO THE 1973 POLISH GROUND ORDER OF BATTLE CONFERENCE HELD AT HQS BAOR RHEINDAHLEN, FRG FROM 22-24 OCTOBER, 1973. ONLY TWO AGENCIES WERE PREPARED TO PRESENT ESTIMATES OF THE PEACETIME PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF THE POLISH GROUND FORCES. DIA FOR THE US AND BAOR FOR THE UK. BAOR OVERALL STRENGTH ESTIMATE WAS 212,670 AS OPPOSED TO DIA'S ESTIMATE OF 211,450 (ROUNDED TO 210,000). IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE UK DELEGATE WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION TO A STRENGTH FIGURE OF 210,000 FOR POLISH GROUND FORCES. RUSH

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